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Witness the universal fondness of women for seeing their mankind in military uniforms. Clad in these, all men are for the nonce brave soldiers in a parade, and the very coward is idealized by his regimentals into a temporary hero.

Which college man is the most widely known and popular among the fair sex, the high stand man or the hero of the football field? As far as my own observation has extended, the answer is decidedly in favor of the latter.

Women will deplore a man's "indecency" and trust him once more; she will forgive his "wickedness" and try to reform him; she will pardon his "foolishness" and try to improve him; but she will not forgive his "cowardice" and she will not forgive his "cowardice."

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C. J. C. is a modest poet of New Orleans, but no more men can answer this question unless they disguise themselves even more.

You ask a certain question, and invite me to suggest answers to it. Just what faults of mankind does a woman most deplore, and I meet the issue squarely, saying to you frankly, fairly, truthfully, if any such you've offered then I think I win the prize.

For I've studied fairest woman, and have learned her nature human, and know her heart as well as her mind, and most in the world—this fault she's most hated, ever since she was created and sent on earth to cause us all the woe upon which we live.

Her heart is to have bound her to a gay, carousing "rounder"—she'll feel sorry and she'll weep, yet she loves him none the less; or he may be insincere and a hypocrite appear; still her fond affection lives, still she longs for his caress.

Like a cur dog he may treat her, may come home at night and beat her in a rage, but she will love him all the same, and she will love him all the same, and she will love him all the same.

So, then, taken altogether, though 'tis said that in wet weather all signs fail, yet I don't think my assertion is too rash when I say the female creature will forgive each vicious feature in a man except unwillingness to furnish her with cash.

This for the last:  
I write from a sense of duty to the truth, as I comprehend it, after an experience of more than sixty years. The "shortcomings" in man are various, and the distasteful to many of them must depend to a great extent upon the character of the woman by whom he is to be judged. But all else being equal, the lack of manliness is his greatest fault, because, failing in the quality of being a man, he fails in the quality of being a companion, becomes cynical, selfish and brutal, an unfit companion to a true woman, whose ambition is to be a model wife and mother. — M. W.

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MRS. OGDEN GOELET'S HOROSCOPE

has her regular "clients" or patrons in New York, and although willing to foretell \$2 worth of fate in the stars, so to speak, \$5 and \$10 is her usual charge, while for a very elaborate and carefully prepared horoscope, which prognosticates everything that can possibly happen in a life time, \$100 is not an unusual fee.

Fashionable Devotees.  
Mrs. Dunlap Hopkins is one of the most enthusiastic devotees of astrology. She even put off a journey because, after consulting Madame, she was assured that it would be an unpleasantly shipwreck or some other little calamity, which was indicated by Saturn, which is a malevolent planet. The other evil planets, by the way, are Mars and Uranus.

Credulous Man.  
As to the men who consult astrologers, if the facts were known, they are even more devoted to the study of the stars than women. Mr. James Waterbury and a host of others have horoscopes cast at least once a year and usually much oftener.

Jay Gould's Superstition.  
The late Jay Gould spent considerable money on this hobby and always consulted an astrologer, a woman, by the way, to whom at one time he paid \$250. Mr. Gould, too, has had his fortune read in the heavens. He also had the good luck to be born under the sun, which, in the language of the spheres, "was in good aspect to the planet Herschel."

"He will be quite affable and kind, have a good temper and seldom get out of temper; will be a devoted husband and a devoted father."

"And then they walked away, the hoarse leading, his submissive spouse next, and I bringing up the rear. Into a saloon he lounged, the woman limping at his heels, and, of course, my unappeared wonder led me after them. The but called for whisky, but before he could be served the bar-tenders' ears were assailed by the wretched woman's pleading:

"Now, don't set that out," with a wasted, blot-begrimed finger directed to the equally black bottle already poised on the bar-tender's pudgy hand. If you give him that we won't have a cent left for the children. I want a Christmas dinner for him and my babies, for God knows it's a long time since we've eaten together. Please, please, set that bottle back."

"To the fellow's everlasting honor, he granted this prayer, and as he set the black decanter far back on the bar he growled:

"Before I'd have that said about me I'd jump off the bridge. Better move out, both of you, and let the wretched, turned away."



A SKELETON HOROSCOPE.

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Explaining the Art.  
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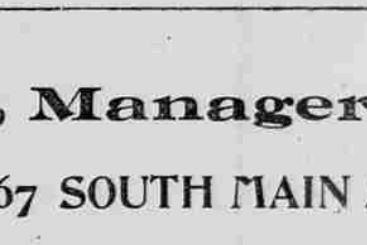
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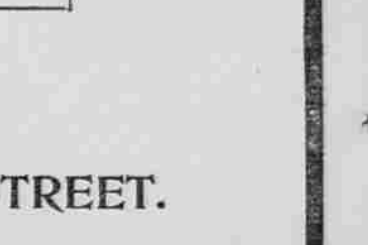
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